

Senate File 2327 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act for testing

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Sec. _____. Section 7E.2, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **7E.2 Offices, departments, and independent agencies.**

4 The constitutional and statutory offices, administrative
5 departments, and independent agencies which comprise the
6 executive branch of state government are structured as follows:

7 1. *Separate constitutional offices.* The elective
8 constitutional and statutory officers who do not head operating
9 departments each head a staff to be termed the "*office*" of the
10 respective elective officer, but the office of the governor
11 shall be known as the "*executive office*".

12 2. *Principal administrative units.* The principal
13 administrative unit of the executive branch is a "*department*"
14 and there may be one or more "*independent agencies*".

15 3. *Internal structure.*

16 *a.* The director of each department, subject to applicable
17 statute, approval by the governor, and the provisions of
18 subsection 4 of [this section](#), may establish the internal
19 structure within the office of the director so as to best suit
20 the purposes of the department.

21 *b.* For field operations, departments may establish district
22 or area offices which may cut across divisional lines of
23 responsibility.

24 *c.* For their internal structure, all departments shall
25 adhere to the following standard terms unless otherwise
26 specified by law, and independent agencies are encouraged
27 to review their internal structure and to adhere as much as
28 possible to the following standard terms:

29 (1) The principal subunit of the department is
30 the "*division*". Each division shall be headed by an
31 "*administrator*".

32 (2) The principal subunit of the division is the "*bureau*".
33 Each bureau shall be headed by a "*chief*".

34 (3) If further subdivision is necessary, bureaus may be
35 divided into subunits which shall be known as "*sections*" and

1 which shall be headed by *"supervisors"* and sections may be
2 divided into subunits which shall be known as *"units"* and which
3 shall be headed by *"unit managers"*.

4 4. *Internal organization and allocation of*
5 *functions.* Subject to applicable law, the head of each
6 department or independent agency shall, subject to the approval
7 of the governor, establish the internal organization of the
8 department or independent agency and allocate and reallocate
9 duties and functions not assigned by law to an officer or any
10 subunit of the department or independent agency to promote
11 economic and efficient administration and operation of the
12 department or independent agency.

13 5. *Attachment for limited purposes.* Any commission, board,
14 or other unit attached under [this section](#) to a department or
15 independent agency, or a specified division of one, shall be
16 a distinct unit of that department, independent agency, or
17 specified division. Any commission, board, or other unit so
18 attached shall exercise its powers, duties, and functions as
19 may be prescribed by law, including rulemaking, licensing
20 and regulation, and operational planning within the area of
21 program responsibility of the commission, board, or other unit
22 independently of the head of the department or independent
23 agency, but budgeting, program coordination, and related
24 management functions shall be performed under the direction
25 and supervision of the head of the department or independent
26 agency, unless otherwise provided by law.

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EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.